

Good Morning

Gen 3:12-13

The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

If you have been a regular "Morning Blessing" reader, then you have heard about SGT Alvin York of WWI fame. He was the Soldier who single-handedly captured 132 German Soldiers. While the story is not new, something recent has been discovered- the story from the German point of view which shed extra light on York's accomplishment on that famous day of 8 OCT 1918.

LT Vollmer was a highly decorated battalion Commander of four years. The American artillery barrage allowed a handful of men (York and his men) to breach the line a mile into German territory. Vollmer went to the area and found 50 men eating their breakfast. It was then that York came upon them and captured them. From there the men were marched to the American lines, but a German ambush killed many of the American captors and York was pinned down. From here York's expert shooting killed 25 Germans in succession without any chance of a German counter-attack. Vollmer sat by helpless as the hidden York picked off his men. After repeated attempts to get the Germans to surrender, Vollmer thought it was best to finally meet the demands of the American. They surrendered and as the story goes... the rest is history.

In this age of deconstructive history (where facts are either omitted or changed to satisfy the ideology of the writer) it is refreshing to see that LT Vollmer did not change the story in order to justify his surrender. His side of the story matches almost with that of York's and other eye witnesses. Not unlike the verse of the day, where human nature is demonstrated all too well with Adam and Even blaming others for their sin against a Holy God. Even though they play the blame game, God still held them accountable. How often have each of us done something only to realize that truth is not negotiable? The best thing to do in this situation is admit our faults and ask forgiveness. Sure, there might be consequences, but we serve the God of many chances.